

Subject:       **Pre-kindergarten Age of Eligibility for 2008-2009**

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Effective 2009-2010, House Bill 150 requires that a child presented for enrollment to kindergarten must be five years of age on or before August 31<sup>st</sup> of that school year.

House Bill 1473 requires that a child being served in the **More at Four** program be “**eligible to enter kindergarten the next school year.**”

To ensure all children served in the 2008-2009 More at Four program are “eligible to enter kindergarten the next year,” **it is necessary to adjust the pre-kindergarten age of eligibility to four years of age on or before August 31<sup>st</sup> effective 2008-2009**, one year prior to the kindergarten age eligibility adjustment.

**Immediate Impact:**

- Because those children having a fifth birthday between September 1<sup>st</sup> and October 16<sup>th</sup> of 2008 will remain eligible for and enroll in kindergarten for the 2008-2009 school year, there will be a smaller cohort of age eligible children for the More at Four program in that year.
- Title I preschool programs also serve children the year prior to kindergarten and will adjust the age of eligibility to four years of age on or before August 31<sup>st</sup> for 2008-2009 as well.
- The eligibility age for Exceptional Children Preschool will remain the same (on the child’s third birthday)
- Eligibility for Even Start will remain the same, determined by the parent’s education level. All non-school-aged children of Even Start eligible parents will be served in a high quality early care and education setting regardless of age.

If you have any questions, respond directly to this email. Your response and questions will be forwarded to the appropriate program consultant.

Thank you,

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